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Sir:

Enclosed herewith are the necessary papers for filing the following application for Letters Patent:

Applicant : Rolf Brück et al.  
Title : Muffler And Associated Assembly Having A Catalyst Carrier Body And Retaining Element And Method For Producing The Assembly

Two (2) sheets of formal drawings in triplicate.

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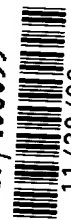
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